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TO : Chief of Foreign Division M DATE: 28 August 1950

FROM : Chief of Station, [ ]

SUBJECT GENERAL: Operational

SPECIFIC: Asher BEN NATHAN

*Contact of Asher Ben Nathan*

Reference: MSBW-2263

1. The trace on Sami ROSENFELD linking him with subject may prove very helpful. After a meeting with [ ] last May, PALEY told us orally, if memory serves, that [ ] had told him that according to [ ] ELAN was directly responsible to a certain "BENATHAN", who was believed to be resident in Bern. It was [ ] impression that "BENATHAN" was spelled as one word. There is no one of this name accredited to any Israeli Delegation to Switzerland, but it is, of course, possible that "BENATHAN" may come to Switzerland on certain occasions. We presume that "BENATHAN" may be identical with subject. It may be that subject is the "boss" to whom ELAN has frequently referred.

2. We presume that the trace which you have sent forward is quoted from PIR-5777 and that the interested Division has no further information. If so, it would be appreciated if you would anticipate the questions that are bound to arise from the material provided. A negative statement covering the unexplained points would be most helpful. As the statement now stands, we are obliged to ask: (1) Where is subject "Head of the Israeli Intelligence Service"? (2) Where and under what circumstances was subject "accompanied by Samuel ROSENFELD"? (3) To which post is ROSENFELD accredited? The answers to these questions would enormously assist in identifying both subject and ROSENFELD.

3. If this information does not exist in the Division, as we presume it does not, is it possible that inquiries could be directed to [ ]

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